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SUBJ: UGANDAN PRESS RELEASE CONCERNING US PRESS
COVERAGE

FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF PRESS STATEMENT BY UGANADAN
PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE KINENE, COMMENTING ON RECENT
US PRESS COVERAGE OF INTERNAL UGANDAN DEVELOPMENTS:

WHENEVER THERE IS ANY PROBLEM IN A DEVELOPING COUNTRY
AND ESPECIALLY IN A REVOLUTIONARY DEVELOPING COUNTRY LIKE
UGANDA, THE IMPERIALIST NEWS MEDIA JUMP ON PRESENTING FALSE
AND IMAGINARY REPORTS ABOUT SUCH A COUNTRY JUST LIKE WHAT IS
NOW BEING REPORTED ABOUT UGANDA BY NEWSPAPERS SUCH AS THE NEW
YORK TIMES, DAILY NEWS, ETC. BUT FOR US REVOLUTIONARIES SUCH
REPORTS ARE NOT SURPRISING BECAUSE WE KNOW WHO ARE BEHIND THEM
AND WHAT FOR. BUT OF COURSE WE BECOME CONCERNED WHEN WE KNOW
THAT THERE ARE SOM MANY WELL-INTENTIONED CITIZENS OF THIS COUNTRY
WHO MAY FALL VICTIMS OF SUCH REPORTS JUST IN THE SAME WAY THE
DID DURING THE WAR IN VIET NAM AND YOU KNOW HOW LONG IT TOOK
THE AMERICAN PEOPLE TO DISCOVER THE TRUTH ABOUT THAT WAR. YOU
ALSO KNOW HOW MANY AMERICAN CITIZENS LOST THEIR LIVES BEFORE
AMERICAN IMPERIALISM SUFFERED ITS WORST MILITARY DEFEAT IN HIS-
TORY AT THE HANDS OF THE HEROIC VEITNAMESE PEOPLE.

IT IS FOR THE SAKE OF THE WELL-INTENTIONED AMERICAN
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PEOPLE THAT I WANT TO SUPPLY YOU WITH THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

(1) THE SITUATION IN UGANDA IS ALREADY BACK TO NORMAL
AND HIS EXCELLENCY GENERAL IDI AMIN DADA, VC, DSO, MC IS IN FULL
CONTROL.

(2) THE TROOPS HAVE EXPRESSED THEIR LOYALTY TO HIM AND
HIS GOVERNMENT. THEY TOLD HIM THAT THE CONFUSION OF LAST WEEK-END
WAS BROUGHT ABOUT BY BRIGADIER CHARLES ARUBE WHO HAD TOLD THE
TROOPS THAT INVADING TROOPS WERE GOING TO KILL THE PRESIDENT AND
CAPTURE KAMPALA. HE THEN TOLD THEM TO GET INTO THEIR TANKS AND
PROCEED TO THE COMMAND POST AND OTHER IMPORTANT PLACES IN
KAMPALA. BUT AS I HAVE JUST TOLD YOU, THE SITUATION IS BACK
TO NORMAL.

(3) AS FOR THE FALSE AND IMAGINARY REPORTS BY NEWS-
PAPERS LIKE THE NEW YORK TIMES, DAILY NEWS, ETC., MY ADVICE TO
THEM IS THAT RATHER THAN MISINFORMING THEIR READERS ABOUT UGANDA
AND OTHER REVOLUTIONARY COUNTRIES, THEY SHOULD CONCENTRATE ON
FINDING RSOLUTIONS TO THE HORRIBLE AND TERRIFYING WAVE SWEEPING
THIS COUNTRY, WHERE NO SINGLE DAY PASSES WITHOUT A REPORT ABOUT
SOMEONE BEING MURDERED, KIDNAPPED OR EVEN RAPED.

(4) IS WISH TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO INFORM YOU
THAT THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS OF THE
O.A.U. WILL TAKE PLACE IN PAMPALA FROM 1ST TO 4TH APRIL, 1974.

(A) THIS IS A CLEAR SIGN OF THE NORMAL
CONDITIONS NOW PREVAILING IN UGANDA.

(B) IT IS ALSO A RECOGNITION OF THE CON-
FIDENCE THAT O.A.U. MEMBERS HAVE IN
UGANDA AND ITS LEADERSHIP. UNQTE
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